

## INTERVIEW COST TILLMAN PLACE

South Carolina Senator's Attack on Hoke Smith Caused Loss of Chairmanship.

KERN HAD MATTER FIXED

Senator, Martin Believed by "Pitchfork Ben" to Have Been a Supporter.

"LIVE JACKASS BETTER THAN DEAD SENATOR"

"A live jackass is better than a dead senator," is the philosophical way in which Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, recommended himself to the setting aside of his ambition for chairman of the Appropriations Committee in favor of Senator Martin of Virginia. He expressed this view in a letter he wrote to Woodrow Wilson late in January.

That Senator Benjamin H. Tillman could have been elected chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations in the face of the efforts of President Wilson to induce him to withdraw, was disclosed yesterday from a reliable source in connection with the publication of Senator Tillman's speech before the Democratic caucus, in which he made an appeal to be allowed to take that chairmanship. This would have occurred if Mr. Tillman had not given an interview to a newspaper in Atlanta attacking Senator Hoke Smith.

After several days' consideration of the matter, Senator Kern, chairman of the Democratic caucus, went to the White House and induced President Wilson to lend his personal efforts toward securing Mr. Tillman from the chairmanship. It was arranged that the President should let his communication with the Senator from South Carolina and his letter to him be the basis of his decision. Mr. Tillman had expressed the disposition to withdraw from the chairmanship, and five out of the nine members of the Steering Committee had pledged themselves to vote for Tillman for the chairmanship.

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## KING OF GREECE KILLED BY SHOT

RELATED TO MAJORITY OF ROYAL FAMILIES

The death of King George not only throws his own nation into the deepest mourning, but will mean that most of the courts of Europe will become sorrowful. By the closest ties of kinship he is related to the majority of the royal families.

His sister is the Queen Mother, Alexandra, widow of the late King Edward, and mother of the present King.

His other sister is the Empress Dowager of Russia, mother of the Czar.

His brother is the King of Denmark.

His daughter-in-law, wife of the Crown Prince—now King Constantine XII—is a sister of the Emperor of Germany.

After his majesty and his companion had passed and crept up stealthily behind the King. When but a few inches away one of these men drew a pistol and fired point blank at the King.

Shot as He Turned.

The King's attention having been attracted by the close proximity of the two men, His Majesty had half turned around, the movement being made just in time to receive the discharge full in the breast.

Exclaiming, "I am shot," His Majesty sank to the ground without a further word.

The scene of the shot attracted immediate attention. Almost instantly people were running from every direction, little dreaming of the death of the victim.

The King, who soon became unconscious, was quickly lifted by willing hands, and taken to a nearby hospital, where he died in a few minutes.

Other messages received privately confirm in the main these details. One message adds that the people of Saloniki are wrought up to an intense pitch by the murder, and there is some probability of their taking the law into their own hands.

British Ruler Grieved.

King George and Queen Mary received the news at Windsor Castle, where they are now in residence. Both were deeply grieved.

Although it is too early to announce what alterations will be made in the court programme, it is announced that the King has already canceled many engagements, and it is expected that court mourning will be ordered.

The relationship of that monarch to King George is the same as that of the King of Greece. In the event of court mourning being ordered, full mourning will be worn for three weeks and half mourning for one week.

The dead King was Queen Alexandra's favorite brother, and was a well-known figure to London crowds. During his visits he often walked through the crowded streets unattended, and during the days immediately following King Edward's death he and his brother, the late King of Denmark, frequently mingled with the crowd in front of Buckingham Palace and listened to the sympathetic references about the late monarch.

Refuses to Believe Report.

When Queen Alexandra first learned of the unofficial report of her brother's murder, she refused to believe it, cherishing the hope that it was incorrect. Shortly before 10 o'clock, however, the official message came through. It was first broken to Princess Victoria, upon whom devolved the painful duty of breaking it to her royal mother.

His majesty had been living in Saloniki since he was captured by his army last November. He received there the news of the surrender of the town of Janina to the Crown Prince's army on March 6. He immediately sent a telegram of congratulations to the Crown Prince and his troops upon their success.

The Lord Mayor of London tonight sent telegrams of sympathy to King George and Queen Alexandra on behalf of the Londoners. Denmark's royal telegram was also forwarded to the Greek Minister here.

Proclaimed King in 1902.

George was proclaimed King of Greece in October, 1902. Parts of his reign were filled with vicissitudes, and the report became current at least once that he was on the point of abdication. Crown Prince Constantine was born August 2, 1893, and was married in 1909 to Princess Sophia of Prussia, a sister of Emperor William II.

The King became heartily sick of Greece in consequence of the many intrigues directed against him. He declared many times that he had been unable to find a loyal friend among the nobility of the country. The Greek in the Balkans, however, put a different complexion on Greek affairs. A feeling of patriotism and national pride was inspired, and after Foreign Minister Comrakos of the Greek Cabinet formed the Balkan league (with the able assistance of Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria), the caldals died out.

When the Balkan war broke out, King George was proclaimed by all his people without dispute. When Crown Prince Constantine went to the front and victory after victory was won by the Greek soldiers, the royal family took a pride in the place of the affection of the Hellenes. The last serious plot against the King, which was exposed by the followers of King George, was in the fall of 1909. It was then discovered that plotters had attempted to wear away the loyalty of the army, depose the King, and kill Crown Prince Constantine.

Keen Business Man.

Discovery of this plot was immediately followed by promises of national reforms in Greece, but the grumbings of political malcontents did not cease. King George granted a revision of the constitution, and this placated the civil enemies of the throne, but the military party continued active almost up to the eve of the outbreak of the Balkan war. These investments were made upon the advice of the United States Minister at Athens.

Queen Olga, of Greece, was more successful than her husband in winning the affection of her adopted people. She has always been held in high esteem by the Greeks. She is an admirer in the Russian Navy, being the only woman in the world to enjoy this distinction.

The Balkan war brought a heavy burden to the Greek Queen and the four beautiful princesses of the Greek royal house. All volunteered their services as nurses, and Queen Olga declared her intention of going with the Greek Army, but was persuaded to remain in Athens. A union of Greek women was formed

for the purpose of helping the families of Greek soldiers in the field and they did valiant work. They distributed clothing and food and raised money to buy uniforms for the troops. They also assisted the Red Cross and worked in the Athens headquarters of the Greek Red Cross.

Sends Telegram of Thanks.

The following telegram of thanks was sent by King George from Berolona, Greece, last November to a New York paper, which had solicited him upon the Greek victory and asked what price Greece would demand for her slain:

"I am sincerely grateful and touched by the evidence you convey me of the great sympathy of the American people. I beg through you to thank them very heartily for their expressed admiration for our brave Greek troops, whom I am most proud to have also to thank you for the sympathetic support, and I herewith urge the indisputable right of Greece to hold all the territory gained by their sacred blood."

This was the fiftieth anniversary of the election of George to the throne of Greece by the National Assembly. At that time George was a midshipman in the Danish navy, and young princeling of the Danish royal house, but gave promise of future attainments.

Kingdom and the English people never lost their interest in the Greek King who became the founder of a new dynasty in Greece.

Powers Select George.

The former ruler of Greece, King Otto IV, who was a Bavarian prince, had been deposed by the Greek revolution in 1832, and the provisional government, administered by the cabinet, found it was not strong enough to handle the national situation.

The great powers of Europe recognized the necessity of providing a ruler for Greece, and the post was first offered to the Duke of Edinburgh and then to the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, but both declined it. It was then that M. De Chaudrol, a French diplomat, conceived the plan of offering the throne to George, and the idea was at once approved by England and the other great powers.

When the emissaries arrived to interview the young midshipman prince, they found that he had been sent to the masthead for punishment for some infraction of the naval rules. The breach of discipline, however, was not a serious one. The Greeks agreed to settle \$25,000 a year upon their new king, but other sums, aggregating nearly \$100,000 a year, were voted by the other powers, for salary for the youthful monarch. In later years these outside sums were discontinued.

## NEWS OF DEATH SHOCKS GREEKS

All Subjects of King George in New York Grieve—Extra Newspapers Issued.

PLAN MEMORIAL SERVICES

Consul General Gives Out Statement  
Lauding Character of Dead Monarch.

New York, March 18.—News of the tragic death of King George of Greece, born at Athens on July 21, 1883, upon the thirty thousand Greeks in New York City. Extra editions of the Greek newspapers were issued, and wherever people of this nationality congregated it was easy to discern that the blow was taken as a personal loss.

From leading citizens it was learned that death in battle or a peaceful end to the disruption in the Balkans had become history was what all thought would be the cause of the death of the beloved King. Never did anyone suppose that he would fall a victim of an assassin. Arrangements have been completed for memorial services next Sunday.

Solin Stylian J. Vlasto, arch-general of the Greek orthodox church and editor-in-chief of *Atlatitis*, the Greek newspaper, together with Demetrios N. Botas, consul general of Greece, paid stirring tributes to the dead King. Both had known him well.

"I am absolutely dumfounded by the news of the assassination of King George," said Mr. Vlasto. "He was a man who for forty years had labored in Greece and was a man who had consecrated his life for the welfare of his people."

Was with Family.

"Since Saloniki was taken in November of the last year, Constantine, entered the Greek town in the Balkans and his triumphant army, King George, the Queen, and the whole royal family have been at Saloniki. But, unfortunately, his death occurred when he was alone."

"From dispatches received by me only yesterday the Queen and most of the royal family were at Saloniki for the funeral of Prince Constantine, who was the Greek army forced the surrender of the Turkish garrison only a few days ago, and dispatches received today tell that Prince Nicholas, the governor of Saloniki, has proceeded with his wife to Belgrade."

"The sadness of the occasion is intensified because none of his beloved children was at his bedside when he expired."

"The Greek nation, according to the constitution of the Hellenes, will, as a preliminary, be proclaimed as Constantine XIII."

Send Many Cablegrams.

Numerous cablegrams have been sent to Athens to ascertain the effect the death of the King will have upon the people. I fear very much that it will complicate the situation in the Balkans."

Consul General Demetrios N. Botas made the following statement:

"I have received no official word of the death of the King. One word of the Greek army entered Saloniki, King George went there with his court. It is an important city, on the sea, and has a cosmopolitan population. I cannot, therefore, hazard any guess in regard to the nationality of the assassin."

"The King was a lovable gentleman, and I remember when I was in Athens of an incident typical of many that had occurred in his career. He was on a visit to the barracks, and luncheon hour arriving, his aid and he sat right down with the soldiers and ate their food with them."

"King George was a great diplomat, too, in a quiet way. He liked Americans, and his portrait, painted by George Burroughs Torrey, was considered by all the best picture ever made of him."

CROWN PRINCE SKILLED IN METHODS OF WAR

The Crown Prince Constantine, who will succeed King George, is the generalissimo of the Greek army in the field in Balkan war. He has distinguished himself in Greece fighting only about ten days ago news came that at the head of a big force, he had forced the surrender of the important Turkish fortress of Janina. The key to the province of Epirus.

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On October 15, 1888, at Athens, the Crown Prince was the son of King George I of Greece. The work of the young prince after he attained his majority, was largely devoted to re-establishing the Greek army upon a firm footing.

His early life was spent at Athens, where part of his education was under the direction of a noted German tutor, Dr. Lander. Then came the military education of the prince, conducted in the main under direction of Col. Kolakotridis, the director of the military academy at the Piræus.

The crown prince is known to hold liberal views, as did his father, the King. The prince bears the title of the Duke of Sparta.

On October 15, 1888, at Athens, the prince married the Princess Sophie of Prussia, a sister of the German Emperor.

Soon after the outbreak of the war in the Balkan states the crown prince started for the front to lead the Greek army. He spent several months in battling away at the big fortress of Janina, which was commanded by Essad Pasha.

The crown prince has been credited with building up the Greek army from almost nothing into a compact fighting machine.

KING'S DEATH COMPLICATES LINE-UP OF THE POWERS

London, March 18.—The death of the King and the accession of Constantine complicates the line-up of European nations in case a general war should result from the Balkan situation.

King George was a brother of Queen Mother Alexandra of England. King Constantine is a brother-in-law of Kaiser Wilhelm. At present the Balkan allies have been receiving the moral support of England, France, and Russia, while the triple alliance—Germany, Austria, and Italy—has been throwing the weight of its influence against the ambitions of Serbia, one of the Balkan nations.

Russian sympathies for the Balkans was strengthened by the fact of the relationship between Queen Olga and the Russian Czar.

King George's part in the events which led to the Balkan war caused him to be mentioned, after hostilities had broken out, as the candidate for the presidency of the permanent confederation of the Balkan states, which consists of Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, and Greece.

On that occasion King George told a Danish war correspondent that after the war the boundary of Greece would probably be north of Saloniki and Monastir, and in that event Saloniki would be a free port again after centuries of moslem occupation.

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